



Redhawk

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Redhawk families! I hope that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend filled with laughter, love, and cherished moments. Thank you to our parents/guardians for your continual support and for the trust you place in us to educate your children. We look forward to the inspiring weeks ahead!

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters. Please note that if you need to access any of the previous newsletters that they are posted on our website [here](#).



Jonathan Harris
Proud Principal
DW Poppy Secondary School

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our teachers are excited about the opportunity to meet you (by appointment only) either in person or by phone on **Wednesday, October 23rd** (2:30-4:30pm & 5:30-7:30pm) or **Thursday, October 24th** (2:30-4:30pm). Our sign-up for Parent Teacher conferences opened on **Friday, Oct. 11th at 9am** and you can access it by clicking [here](#). If none of the days/times work for you then feel free to set up a meeting with the teacher for a different day or time that works with your schedule.

See the attached letter with instructions that was sent out last week for more information on how to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, OCT. 14TH
THANKSGIVING – NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 15-18TH
INFORMAL LEARNING UPDATES
(INTERIM REPORTS)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23RD
PHOTO RETAKE DAY

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2PM-7:30PM

THURSDAY, OCT. 24TH
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
2PM-4:30PM

DRY GRAD MEETING – 7PM
LIBRARY

FRIDAY, OCT. 25TH
PROVINCIAL PRO-D DAY
NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK BEGINS

GRAD ASSESSMENTS BEGIN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
PAC MEETING – 7PM
LIBRARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

TUESDAY, NOV. 5TH
SENIOR FALL SHOWCASE CONCERT
6:30PM - DRAMNASIUM





FALL CLUBS & TEAMS

- CURLING
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – grades 8-12
- BOYS VOLLEYBALL
- AQUATICS
- BOYS SOCCER
- WRESTLING
- INTRAMURALS
- LITDIVE BOOK COMMUNITY
- GAMES CLUB
- CONVERSATION CLUB
- DANCE CLUB
- PRIDE SIDE CLUB
- YEARBOOK CLUB

VOLLEYBALL INTRAMURALS

Do you want to play volleyball at lunch? Students interested in creating an intramural volleyball team, complete the form outside the PE office door by the main office. Hand the form into Mr. Chabara by **Friday, October 18th**.

ATHLETICS

It was a great week for Poppy Athletics with many teams adding to their win columns. Come support our Redhawks this upcoming week – see schedule below.

Student-athletes are receiving all necessary updates through their TEAMS channels or during practice sessions. If you are a parent looking for additional information, please check with your student. You can also visit our athletics website at [**DW Poppy Athletics**](#) for schedules and other updates.

TUESDAY

Gr. 8 Girls Vball away at WG 3:30pm.
Gr. 8 Boys Vball vs WG at Poppy. 3:30pm start.
Sr. Boys Soccer vs BSS at Poppy. 3:30pm start.
Cross Country – Aldergrove Bowl – 3:30pm start

WEDNESDAY

Jr. Boys Soccer vs Credo at Poppy. 3:30pm start (exhibition)
Gr. 9 Girls Vball away at LCS 3:30pm.
Jr. Girls Vball vs LFHS at Poppy. 3:30pm start.
Sr. Girls Vball at Credo. 6:00pm start.

THURSDAY

Sr. Boys Soccer away at MEI 3:30pm start.
Gr. 8 Boys Vball vs BSS at Poppy. 3:30pm start.
Gr. 8 Girls away at BSS. 3:30pm start.



ATHLETICS INTEREST MEETINGS

Basketball - Students interested in playing basketball this year please come to the small gym on **Oct. 16th** at lunch for an information meeting.

Ski & Snowboarding - Students interested in joining the ski and snowboard team this year, there will be an interest meeting on **Friday, Oct. 18th** at lunch in the main gym.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - DWP MILITARY MEMBERS

Our school will be remembering all those that served to defend our freedom at the Remembrance Day assembly. We would love to include pictures of military members from our Poppy community. If a family member of yours is or has served in the military, could you please send pictures to Sandy Gill (sandeep.gill@sd35.bc.ca) by **October 25th**. In the email, please include the picture, name of the member, and the war or place they served. If you have previously submitted a picture, it will already be included in the slideshow. Thank you for your contribution.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXPECTATIONS

As we prepare for some fun Halloween festivities, we want to ensure that our celebrations are inclusive and respectful of all cultures. Please take some time to discuss the appropriateness of your child's costume choice for Halloween at school on Thursday, October 31st. It is impossible to have an approval process for all costumes, so please help your children to use thoughtful and respectful discretion in their choices.

Please emphasize the following points:

- Full faced masks or costumes that completely hide the person are not permitted as they pose a safety risk with regards to us knowing who has entered our school building.
- Replica weapons of any kind are not permitted. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns.
- A culture is not a costume. Cultural attire often holds deep significance and meaning for those who wear it. Costumes that emphasize cultural stereotypes (i.e. First Nations, African Americans/other ethnicities) are insensitive and offensive to the diverse backgrounds represented by others and are disrespectful to those cultures.
- Students are not permitted to wear anything suggestive or provocative in nature and underwear as outerwear is not acceptable. Please continue to use the District student code of conduct and dress guidelines to help guide decision making. You can view it by clicking [here](#)
- Costumes that promote the use of illegal substances/activities and that portray violence are not permitted.
- Students must show respect to other students by not touching, defacing or insulting other students' costumes.

The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is also prohibited on school property.





ELECTION POLLING STATIONS

On **Saturday, October 19th** many of our school gyms across the District will be used as provincial election polling stations from 8am - 8pm. As guided by Section 81 of the Election Act "accommodation in a school that is the property of a board of school trustees under the School Act must be made available by the board for use as a voting place." Please take note of extra pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the area of these sites on election day.

The District appreciates the support and cooperation from families and members of our community. The District is encouraging everyone who is eligible to do their civic duty and vote. For a list of school sites being used, visit the District website [here](#).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & RESPONSE

Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout District buildings. If you have questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

SCHOOL PHOTO RE-TAKES

Students will be called down to the cafeteria the morning of **Oct. 23rd**. Students who need a re-take are asked to bring their [student ID card](#) if possible as Artona uses the QR which is located on the back for the retake.

GRAD PHOTOS

Grad Photo Dates: Dec. 11th to Dec. 14th 2024
Location: Mobile Studio in the West Parking Lot

How the Grad Photo Session Works

1. **Book an appointment at www.artona.com.** There is no cost to book an appointment but we do require a credit or debit card to secure the booking. Students are not charged until the time of their session.
2. **Get photographed and pay the \$60 deposit.** At the time of their session, students pay a \$60 deposit they can use toward a purchase later. We take both casual and formal photos, including one for the yearbook. If students choose not to order, we'll refund the deposit within 30 days.



3. **View and order photos online.** Students and families can purchase their photos online, with both [digital and print options](#) available.

Keeping Grad Sessions Accessible

Artona believes in keeping the graduation photography experience accessible to all students. **If you have students facing financial barriers who would benefit from our Financial Aid Program, please complete this [form \(Artona Financial Aid Application\)](#).** The team will be in touch with students directly to book a session and receive a complimentary photo package.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Schools and families continue to work together to ensure success for students. If you have an issue or concern but don't know who to speak with, the District encourages you to read these helpful Communicating with your School guidelines for parents/guardians found on our District website [here](#). As an additional reference, review this one-page resource [here](#).

NEW DW POPPY SPIRIT CLOTHING STORE

Our DW Poppy online Spirit Store is now Open! New items will be added throughout the school year and are available for order at any time. You can check out all of our Redhawks Spirit Wear that is available to purchase online by clicking [here](#). **All questions regarding orders should be directed to the vendor through the chat feature.** Orders will be delivered directly to the DW Poppy school office.

Please note that our school spirit store is separate from the athletics clothing store.

FREE ONLINE FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS - A DIGITAL WORLD

The Ministry of Education has once again contracted Safer Schools Together to offer complimentary Family Sessions, designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. There is one session per month. Families can participate in as many as they wish. Sessions can be found by clicking [here](#).

Families will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline



PREVIOUS INFORMATION & REMINDERS

STUDENT SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

The Langley School District is committed to fostering safe and caring schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility, and support optimal learning. Trauma Informed Practices and Procedures promote the creation and maintenance of safe, inclusive, equitable, welcoming, and nurturing school environments. The District expects all students to follow the Student Code of Conduct [AP 350](#).

The District is sharing a reminder that no one can have “**any weapon for any purpose**” on school property. This means that weapons are not allowed to be used as part of an educational project, drama production, or themed costume. Examples of weapons include but are not limited to knives, brass knuckles, swords, decommissioned firearms, replicas, air soft guns, bb guns, and toy guns. The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, explosives, or similar devices or objects is also prohibited on school property. Failure to follow these expectations may result in confiscation, intervention, and consequences.

FAIR NOTICE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES/STUDENTS

The Langley School District is committed to a safe and supportive environment for all. Our schools take all threatening comments and behaviours seriously. Our schools follow procedures when responding to threat-making behaviour to help keep students, staff, and the community safe. The following resource [here](#) outlines what information students and families need to know in relation to how the District responds to threat-making behaviour in our schools. Everyone has a role in helping keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photos are now available for access through the Artona Website. You can either scan the QR code available on the card students brought home last week or follow the link [here](#)

If you click photo day box, a new window will pop up with order information and timelines. If you click on the view and order button at the bottom, you can enter the QR code number and view/order photos.

If you misplaced your order card from Monday and need a new way to access the photos, it can be found [here](#)

If you need any additional support in accessing your photos, you can find multiple ways of getting in touch with Artona [here](#).

A reminder that photo retakes are on October 23rd



ILLNESS/ABSENCE

It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

The school uses an automated absence reporting system called SafeArrival, offered through SchoolMessenger. With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App
2. SafeArrival
3. Toll-Free Phone Number - 1-833-294-4837

For information on how to use these methods for reporting your child's absence click [here](#)

NEW TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES: PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Electronic devices can be distracting to student learning. There is a significant body of research showing that increased technology use is linked to problems with mental health, focus and the development of relationships and academic skills.

The Langley School District recognizes the importance of establishing clear guidelines to ensure that personal digital devices are used in a way that supports educational goals and maintains a safe and respectful learning environment.

During hours of instruction, personal electronic devices must be turned off and stored away in backpacks or lockers, unless otherwise instructed by school staff for educational purposes. This includes during study blocks, tutorial and any school sponsored activity such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.

To read the new guidelines as set out by the Langley School District click [here](#).

FRASER HEALTH - IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Fraser Health is sharing important information with families regarding Vaccination Status Reporting and Regulation (VSRR). Families are encouraged to review the following newsletter to help keep our community healthy and safe by clicking the link below.

[Keep Immunizations Up to Date - Secondary](#)

For other languages read [here](#).

SCHOOL FEES



Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashionline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new “item” is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Brake at sbrake@sd35.bc.ca if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

BELL SCHEDULE

Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:

BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

TUTORIAL TIME

Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students’ learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled each day for 35 minutes.

Welcoming Bell	8:50
Period 1	8:55 -10:05
Tutorial	10:10 – 10:45
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05

CALENDAR & MY SCHOOL DAY APP





Students use the “My School Day” App to help stay organized with the daily block order and find updates to the school calendar. Check it out under “Student Life” on our website or click [here](#) for information on how to download it. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

Click [here](#) for the District Calendar.

STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. For students and parents to stay informed, please be sure to use the following online methods.

REDHAWK RELEASE

Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Redhawk Release” and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

SCHOOLMESSENGER

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day App - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

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DW POPPY SECONDARY – STUDENT EXPECTATIONS



At DW Poppy Secondary, we maintain high expectations for our students and want students to excel. We want our students to be able to empathize with others and have the moral courage to make the right decisions. We are confident our parents will partner with us in using Restorative Action, where all adults in our school community establish and reinforce clear expectations. Please refer to the District Code of Conduct on our school website or [click here](#).